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#### CURRENT TOPICS.

A post-office has been opened at Bivaire Taxan is an onion blight throughout

New England.
TERRE will be twenty newspaper men in the next Congress.

Phor. Goods has taken charge of the U.

8. Pish Commission.

A GREEN two-cent stamp will soon re-

place the "barn-red" one.

THE oftener base-ball players strike the
better the managers are pleased. Tan highest denomination of United States logal-tender notes is \$10,000.

Daves roar is the onion market of lows Garlic also grows luxuriantly there. A NEW bridge across the Tiber at Rome is to be named in honor of Garibaldi.

A county street lamp, with a diamond light, makes an attractive scarf-pin. Unemarion of the dead will be in prac-tice in bt. Louis within a few months. BILL NYE's five columns a week in the New York World are supposed to not him

Chicago is vaccinating her children free of charge at the rooms of the board of health. From March 4, 1885, to August 1, 1887,

A Drapwood judge ordered a jury fed on bread and water until a verdict could THE head of the Sultan's harem is now a

Christian woman, beautiful, cultivated, and a Spaniard.

Missionalitis have, in the last eight years, formed and reduced to writing over forly languages.

Bans have fored badly this summer, being unable to make honey because of scarcity of pasture.

Tax first Polish newspaper ever printed in America has been started in Buffalo. It is called The Opergrain.

6. P. Wright, of Baltimore, has been the

father of twenty-eight children, twenty-three of whom are living.

A UNISSVILLE (N. Y.) thief, one night recently, dag fifty bills of potatoes and

then set out the tops again.
"Sharran"Gamnion, the famous jockey. has been engaged for the season of 1888 by

J. B. Haggin, of California, at a salary of The Grand Army of the Republic post at Los Angeles, Cal., is to take four cur-loads of grapes to St. Louis with it to give away to visitors.

As Albany man went around the city borrowing aprens under the plea that his wife wanted them for patterns. He is

HERMAN STRICKER, of Rending, Pa., has refused an offer of \$13,000 for his collection of butterflies; said to be the largest and most varied in existence.

THE Canadian big thieves and defaulters are coming to America for asylum. Can't the two governments inaugurate a scheme for "exchanging prisoners!" VIOLENT rain and hall-storms have pre-

vailed in the northern part of England and in Scotland, in many sections entirely destroying the slanding crops.

An English girl says that she has seen

men whom she might have consented to marry, but she has never met one whom would desire to propose to, to Globe says that the other

day a calf belonging to Mrs. Joseph L. Garrett, of West Pallowfield, ate nineteen young turkeys and wanted more. Tax Chinese Government will send represcutatives to this country to make a thorough study of the American system of

banking, coinage and postal affairs. A LITTLE girl was found by her mother hanging to a window sill twenty feet from the ground in a state of somnambulism at

The mayor of New York refused to allow and says that while he is mayor no flag Enwann Bowen, who claims to be a son of ex-Congressman Bowne, of New York, has a broken leg and no money. He boasts of boying spent \$500,000 for Equor in eight

Mn. Jonn Hunnan, of New Jersey, is said to be a man of somber and melan-choly disposition. At any rate he has applied to the Legislature for a change of

Burrato has a woman contractor. Her name is Mes. A. M. Holloway and she has just secured the contract for cleaning the streets of that city for five years by a bid of \$447,000.

A sname-even traveler reports that within a year the Mormon women have generally discarded their glain garb and now appear as gayly attired as their Gentile aisters.

by which they can earn an honest support in after years is one not second in import-ance to any that can be done in the school-

THE Vermont State Superintendent of year, gives 71,402 as the number of schol-

ars curotled, while the average daily at tendance was but 45,705. Rice neer have a way of losing money like other people. Mackay, the California millionaire, is said to have lost six million by the wheat deal, and he had it to lose.

The velocipede is new universally used by orderlies on foot service in Alsace-Lor-raine. At Strasburg one of the military sights is the practice of the riders. The trievels is deemed preferable to the bi-

CLARK SMITH, of Fort Supply, and Miss Gustis Nahon, of Fort Sill, two hundred miles spart, were married by telegraph. The report says that "every thing went lovely, and a full ceremony was given by

MISS FLORA BENJAMIN, of Cincinnati, Is the latest musical wonder. She can play almost any instrument, and is especially preficient on the plane, flute and violin.

proficient on the piano, flute and violing

The Journal of Education says the follow-ing is the longest correct sentence of "thats" which it has yet seen; "I as-sert that that, that that that, that that that the jerson told me contained, im-plied, has been misunderstood." The senice is grammatically correct.

A MAN was seen lately in London to shake a prettily dressed child, who screamed most pitcously. Finally he throw it to the payement and stamped upon it, for which he was knocked down by an indignant coachman, who then found that he had struck a ventslicquist with a

## HIGHWAYMEN

Probably Fatally Assault a Victim

Nashville, Tenn.

Nasnville, Texx., Sept. 11.—A daring highway robbery and almost a murder was committed on the Lebanon pike Saturday night. A German named Clemons, a gardener at Mount Olivet Cometery, had een in town purchasing provisions, and was returning on foot, when, within 150 yards of the bridge, five men dashed on to him from the roadside. Two approached, him from the readside. Two approached, and one stepped in front of him to ask some questions; another grabbet his throat from behind and endeavored to cheke him. Before any resistance was possible the one first mentioned gave him a murderous blow with a heavy stone above the left temple, which worked him does not account to the control of the contro knocked him down and rendered him al-most senseless. They then rifled his pockets, but got only a silver watch. The one on guard exclaimed: "Here comes a wagou," when they jumped the feace and disappeared through the corn-field. As the wagen, an express containing two men, approached, he called to them to stop, that he was all-cut to pieces. Evidently fearing that this was a ruse to stop and rob them, the occupants applied the whip vigorensly and forced the animal to a ruse. Evolution that his life designal. to a run. Feeling that his life depended on keeping in hearing of the wagon, he the "Razaceter," which is interpreted to ran after it and managed to get home. A mean a boomer. found broken badly, and he may die. No

#### CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH. Four Little Ones Locked Up at Home, and

the Building Takes Fire. Montgoneau, Al.A., Sept. II.—A special to the Dispetch, from Dealsville, twenty miles from here, tells of a horrible cremation, which took place here to-night. A negro woman looked her four chil dren, the eldest eight years age, in her cabin, and went church. When she returned church. When she returned the the little ones within, who were reasting to death, were still audible, but nothing could be done to extricate them from the flames, as the roof of the house had fallen in upon them. When the flames had spent their fury the charred remains of all four of the children were found in the debris.

#### Great Storms in Arizona.

Turson, Auz., Sept. 11.—The storms of Thursday and Friday were the most severe ever known in this section. Five miles of the Southern Pacific track, between this point and Benson, was washed away. Two large bridges over the Cenago and Rillita rivers were destroyed. Telegraph wires are down, and in some places are imbeded ten feet in the sand. Steel rails are carried a quarter mile down the river and rescattered for miles down the stream. Bouthern Pacific trains are being rus over the Atlantic and Pacific road. Washouts are also reported all along the line from Tucson to Yuma. From parties in from San Poire and Rillita rivers it is learned that the flood is the worst ever known in Arizona, and many old land-marks have been washed away and fields of grain awept over. The Southern Pacan not be resumed for a week.

O'Brien Arrested. Loypox, Sept. 11. - William O'Brien was accested to-day at Kingstown while on a vessel bidding farewell to Mr. Labouwould not be taken in custody if he would promise not to go to England, it being supposed it was with that intention h to promise, and was taken in charge and to Dublin to a hotel. He was informed that he could remain there all night if he fused, and later made a speech, but wo go to Mitchelstown to-morrow, when there will be a great demonstration at the funeral of Friday's victims.

Woman Shot While Going to a Funeral. Cincaro, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Heagy Seil, of Grove Point, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon white on her way to a fun-eral at Northfield. She was riding in a boggy, and was struckby a stray bul-let fired by one of a party of Chicago pie alcers who were shooting at a mark. ger. The whole party, including six mer and four women, were placed under ar

A Cowboy's Fun Spailed. Fr. Smith, Ann., Sept. 11.—A reckless nurboy named W. C. Baldwin attempted take the town to-night and was fataily shot by Deputy Shoriff Rutherford while

resisting arrest and attempting to shoot,

Fatal Cattle Disease.

Cricago, Sept. II.—Blue Island, III. Chicago suburb, is greatly excited over fatal cattle disease which has been spread ong the cattle in that vicinity for the pest few days, similar to Texas fever,

McGarinle Expelled from His Lodge. CHRESCO, Sept. 11.—McGarigle, the es-caped boodler, has been expelled from his Masonic Ledge, he having pledged his Knightly honor that he would not make

such an attempt. Counterfaiter Pardoned. Washington, Sept. 11.-Wm. Mills, convicted of conterfeiting, in the U. S. Court at Cincinnati, and sentenced to fifteen years, has been pardened by the Presi-tent. He is blind and infirm.

New York's Parks. New Yons, Sept. 11.—This city has ap-propriated \$1,000,000 a year, for construc-tion of small parks in the more densely populated portions of the city.

-The prides of the Philadelphia zoo are a gazelle that drinks coffee and a snake that asks for only one square meal a year, which saves the attendants bears of trouble and the zoo treasmry much money .- Boston Transcript.

-Mrs. Muldoon-"Ah, Biddy, look at the black eye you'r got; wasn't yez better off on three dollars a week at Mrs. O'Brien - : What if of that Mike do bate me, I'm me own mistress

#### GREAT LAND SUIT.

Millions' Worth of Chicago Property Claimed by a Frenchman's Heirs.
Chicago, Sept. 2.—What would be a
very important bill, if it were not known
that the claimants have engaged in such litigation before, and that their legal titles are not highly regarded, was filed in the U.S. Circuit Court here to-The complainants are the of John Reaubien, a French Canadian, who in 1512 squatted on the ground now forming the eastern aide of the business portion of Chicago. He held undisputed possession until 1849, when the Federal War Department ousted him. Beaubien by law had the right to purchase the tract of the Government at \$1.25 an acre, and it is asserted that he elected to do so, but the War Department summarily ejected him. The value of the land is now far up in the millions, being occupied by many of the largest wholesale houses and retail stores in the city, not to mention scores of wharves and a vast network of railroad tracks. The bill is to compel the Government to grant Beaubien's heirs a patent to the land. They claim all the property between Mad-ison street and the Chicago river and State street and Lake Michigan, excepting the four acres once occupied by Fort Dear-born. It has been claimed that Beaubien received other land in lieu of his claim, but this is denied by the heirs.

#### PRINTERS MAKE A DEMAND. A Reduction in Hours, But no Reduction

in Pay, Wanted. Sr. Louis, Sept. 2.—The St. Louis Typo graphical Union, jointly with the Press men's Union, have notified the employing printers of this city that after November I nine hours shall constitute a day's work, and eight hours on Saturday, and that wages shall remain the same as new. The employers held a meeting to night, and adopted resolutions declar-ing the demand unjust, and that it should be firmly resisted; also, that as this is the result of the action of the Inter-sational Typographical Union, it is an international matter, and that a conven-tion should be called embracing employing printers, lithographers and binders of the United States and Canada to consider the question. They also resolved to send their resolutions to the Chicago Typotheta and ask that society to take the initiative, and name the place and time for the con-

#### "Burker" Ross Hanged.

BALTIMORE, Sept. R.-John Thomas Ross ended his career on the gallows in the Baltimore jail at 12:43 this p. m. He was to have been hanged August 24, but Governor Lloyd granted him a reprieve for two weeks, until the question of his sanity was discussed. John Thomas Ross on the 19th of December last cruelly murdered Emily Brown, an old white beggar woman at the house of his mother, Mary Blecksom, 3 Pig alley. It was one of the few cases of "burking" in the history of this country. Ross committed the crime for \$15, for which was he sold the hear to the Maryland. sum he sold the body to the Maryland University of Medicin

MONTHEAL, CAN., Sept. 9.—The Imperial Government is determined to very materfally increase the strength of fortifications here. A new buttery is being built on McNab Island, to mount four ten-inch fifpound shell six miles. The York redoub which was always considered the strong-est fortification in America, was during the jubilee sham battle proved to be de up into the harbor. A new fort is to be cor mount two eighty tonage. The cost of im-

O'Brien Defiant.

Duniax, Sept. 8.-Mitchelstown, where the case of the Government against Mr. William O'Brien under the Coercion ac was to have been tried to day, was rowded all day with civilians, police and soldiers. Mr. O'Brien did not appear in court to answer the summons. Mr. O'Brien declares that he will not obey the sumons to appear at Mitchelstown to-day and that the Government will have to a rest him to get him there. Michael Davitt has declared his intention to follow the example of Mr. O'Brien at Mitchelstown by making a similar speach.

A Novel Detective Proposition.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 3.—Negotiations are now pending between Superintendent Deitsch, of the Cincinnati Police Depart-ment, and Chief Ebersold, of Chicago, or an interchange of detective talent, from mouth to mouth, one officer at a time from each city. The fall season for profession al crooks has now commenced, they inc ing from one city to another. Colonel Dertsch is strongly of the opinion that the benefit would be mutual to both depart

The Largest Custing.
San Francisco, Sapt. 9.—The custing of
the stem of the new U. S. cruiser "Charleston," now being built at San Francisco, has been successfully accomplished. The steel stern spost was cost June 22, but the casting of the stem was a greater feat, the stem weighing fully sixteen thousand pounds. It is said to be the largest casting ever made on the con-

Restored Lands. WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—It is estimated that 21.721,000 acres of land have been restored to the public domain by the revoca

tion of railroad indomnity withdrawals. Killed by a Bull. SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 2.—Farmer Lyman a resident of the southern part of Down er's Grove Township, Ill., was gored to

A Thousand Beaths a Day.

Vienna, Sept. 10.—The Austrian Consul at Bombay reports that there were 31,328 deaths from cholers in India during the

Three Men Burled Alive. New York, Sept. 2.—Thomas Kelly, Michael Crowe and another man named Walters were buried allve this evening in the new aqueduct at North Youkers. earth above cavel in on them. They, lie under 120 feet of earth, and there is no possible chance of their having escaped instant death.

Panaparana, Sopt. 2.—Ignate Golberger, are emigrant agent, a self-styled banker, has disappeared. He is accused af swinding emigrants of several thousand dollars.

### POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Possibility of Uncle Sam Adopting the System.

of the Scheme la England. Washington, Sept. 8.—The postal tele-graph of England and other European countries has been so much of a success that those who are studying this problem of a Government telegraph for popular use, find themselves a good deal encour-aged in their belief that the system will be adopted here. The latest annual report of the British Post-office Department shows that the number of messages sent by the postal telegraph sys-tem of Great Britain last year was in round numbers 40,000,009. A couple of years ago the price of telegrams was put down to a sixpence for any part of the United Kingdom, and the result was an increase of nearly twenty per cent. in the volume of business. There has been a steady growth in the use of the telegraph by the masses since the Government took possession of it. The number of measage: 1886, 40,000,000. And they were carried at a sixpence apiece, and a profit made, too. There has also been established within the past few years a telephone system, a part of the Pest-office Department, and auxiiiary to the telegraph. There are some thirty odd exchanges with thousands of subscribers. The Department also has twenty-seven miles of pneumatic tubes in carry these manuscript messages in letter bexes which shoot along under ground in-

#### The Maumee River Ablaze.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 8 .- The Natural Gas Company have proved their ability to-night to set the Maumee river on fire. Gaspipes were run out under water from the east side of the river, and when the gas was turned in it rushed for the surface with a bubble and a roar, throwing casendes and sprays high in air. When ignited with rockets the combustion made many weird and strange effects. The illumination was viewed by thousands from the west bank of the river.

### Mr. Gladstone Will Not Come Over.

LONDOX, Sept. 8.—The publication here to-day of the correspondence of Mr. Giad-stone by Mr. Childs, of Philadelphia, concerning the latter's invitation to come to America, to attend the Constitutional Centennial, puts an end to all reports of Mr. Gladstone's loaving England. He said the other day that he intended to devote all his remaining days and strength to the cause of home rule.

### Great Salt Vein Struck.

ELLSWORTH, KAS., Sept. 8 .- The vein of alt struck here yesterday in the well of the Ellsworth Mining Company, at a depth of 730 feet, has now reached a thickness of 155 feet, and the bottom not yet reached. It is pure rock salt, very strong, and pronounced by experts superior to any other discovered. It is claimed to be the thickest vein in the world.

### Spielde of a Young Girl.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Sept. 8 .- A special o the Ness-Leveld from New Smyrna says that Lizzie Abbott, aged cleven years, committed suicide there yesterday. Her mother returning from a brief absence found the child dying. She admitted tak-ing strychnine, and said: "Mamma, I am tired of living. I want to go to papa." There is no cause known for the act other than a morbid mind.

### Railroad Bridge Burned.

Hammon, O., Sept. 8.—Fifty feet of the wooden part of the large C., H. & D. railjust north of this city, burnt this mora ing at 2 o'clock. There were also a lot of railroad timbers consumed that were laying near the bridge. It is supposed that spark from an excursion train did the

Milwaukee Girl Married to a Baron. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 8 .- Baron Paul

You Baumgartten, secretary of the Austro-Hungary Legation at Washington, w s married to-day to Miss Emma Deuster, daughter of Hon. P. V. Deuster. Many prominent guests from abroad were present at the ceremony. The happy couple left for Washington this evening.

Investigating the Inter-State Law. OTTAWA, ONT., Sept. S.-E. It Burper and G. W. Meberly, members of the Railway Commission, have gone to Chicago St. Louis and other Western cities to in quire into the workings of the Inter-State

### Lucky Poor People.

MILWAUREE, WIS., Sopt. S .- H. R. WIIliams, a carpenter living on Buffalo street, and Mrs. Jane B. Williams, a widow, by the settlement of an estate in Wales, find themselves raised from a hand-to-mouth existence to one of wealth. Each receives \$100,000 from the estate. The property has been in litigation for some time past.

# CHICAGO, Sopt. 8.-A Chicago company has leased tunnels in Illinois for the pur-

pose of growing mushrooms in the suster-

St. Paul, Sept. S.—N. Decker, a farmer residing in Eiba. Minn., sold a farm for \$1,000, and, mistrusting banks, kept the money at home. During his absence robbers secured the money and set fire to his house, which was destroyed.

# Great Loss of Life and Property.

St. Jone's, N. F., Sept. 8.—Reports daily arriving from all parts of the country go to show that the gale of the 26th of August was one that will long be remembered for the loss of life and extent of damage sus-

### M'GARIGLE SMOKED OUT.

Completion of an Indictment Against Illim and He Will He Arrested in Canada. MONTREAL, Sept. 7.—The Crown Prosecutors have completed the indictmen against Boodlar McGarigle, and it will be against Boodier Alcharigie, and It will ob-sent before the grand jury to morrow, hav-ing received the signature of the judge and all other formalities having been gone through. The indictment charges McGarigle, W. B. Pinkerton and Michael Hickey, of Chi-cago, of having conspired to injure James Received and this city formaty of Baxter, a broker of this city, formerly of the States, and promoter of the Silver the States, and promoter of the Silver Plume Silver Mine, by making false evidence against him in a criminal case before the courts here by placing his photograph in the regue's gal-lery, Chicago. There are four counts in the indictment. As soon as a true bill is found a bench warrant will be is-sued and forwarded to Detective Kellert and the American officers who have been shadowing the fugitive ever since his ar rest in Canada. Mr. Greenshields says he has no fears regarding the indersement of the warrant by the Ontario magistrates, and believes they will not ignore the juris diction of the highest criminal court in the

FIVE PERISH. One Drowned and Four Lose Their Lives in the Flames of a Burning Vessel a Boston, Sept. 7 .- About ten o'clock this morning the schooner War Eagle, loaded with naphtha, was lying near the wharf opposite John Cunningham's oil store-house, near the Chelsea bridge London by which messages are sent to and Four men were on the deck and from the telegraph offices in London. They one below. Suddenly there was a puff carry these manuscript messages in letter of black smoke, followed by a tremenbexes which shoot along under ground in- dous explosion, throwing the deck of side the tubes at the rate of thirty miles the vessel into the air. In the an hour. On a recent occasion when midst of flame and smoke were the bolies the Irish bill was under discussion in of four men. They were hurled high the House of Commons over 700 manuscript above the schooner, and then fell back messages were thus sent by these tubes to into the flames that filled the boat. The the main office of the Government's postal fifth man jumped overboard and was telegraph in a single night's business, and drowned. The flames quickly spread to over a million and a half of words were sent | Cunningham's storehouse, which was soon by the wires on that same occasion. The destroyed. Meanwhile the burning hulk Postal Bavings Bank system of Great drifted around against the draw-bridge, Postal Bavings Bank system of Great drifted state of Britain is quite as important a feature of the Post-office Department as is the telegraph system. Its depositors new number ograph system. Its depositors new number their getting to the Chelsea side of the bridge. The names of the men on the bridge. The names of the men on the

Revolution in Salvador. Star and Herald says: "A revolutionary force under Bahona last night surprised and took possession of Port La Union, San Salvador. The garrison was betrayed by two of the officers. The name troops is revolutionists and Government troops is reported to have been very severe. thousand Gevernment troops left the capital to-day under General Amay, but it wil take them two days to reach Port LaUnion.
A general commotion is feared in Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

### New Catholic University.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7 .- An important gath ering of Catholic prelates has been in ses-sion here to-day, discussing plans for the discussing plans for the University. Washington new Catholic University. Washington City was selected as the choice of the ma-jority of the Archbishops in the United States for the site of the university. The plans for the buildings were presented and adopted, and it was resolved to begin work during the present fall. Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Richmond, was elected as First Rector of the university.

### Toledo Lighted Up.

Totano, O., Sopt. 7.-Toledo is ablazo with natural gas to night. Twelve stand pipes have been erected at various points through the city, and the sky is lurid as with a great conflagration. The caloric that has been liberated upon the atmos-phere would be sufficient to turn the wheels of many great manufacturing es-tablishments. What would otherwise be a chilly evening is as warm as midsuin

### Ferdinand Going Home.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 7.—It is reported here that Prince Ferdinand will shortly make a visit of several weeks' duration to his es tates in Hungary. The report is receiv with much surprise, as it was thought it was all arranged that the Princess Cle mentine, mother of Prince Ferdinance would go to Sofia, where a brilliant court would be established.

# Burial of Exeter's Dead. LONDON, Sept. 7.—The funeral of seven ty-six identified and forty unknown vio-tims of the Exeter theater fire took place tims of the Exeter theater fire took place in that town to-day. The burial of the bodies was conducted publicly. Busi-ness was suspended, and the street al-though filled with people, were perfectly silent as the procession of the dead pass-ed on the way to the grave.

### Anarchist Plot

Mannin, Sept. 7.-The authorities have discovered the existence of a well organized and extensive Anarchist plot, and have, in consequence, made several ar-rests in this city, Salamanca and Cadiz of persons whose connection with the con spiracy is beyond question.

Massachusetts Prohibitionists. Bestox, Sept. 7.—The Massachusetts Prohibitionists have nominated W. H. Earle, of Worcester, for Governor.

#### Texas Fever and Hog Cholera, CHCAGO, Sept. 7.—Cases of Texas fever have been found in the Chicago stock yards. Hog cholera exists throughout the

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. - Captain Sam Brown's three-year-old coit, Stuyvesant, made a mile in 1:40 in a race at Coney Island.

A Local Option Victory.

# Carro, Lt., Sept. 7.—Mississippi County, Mo., yesterday was carried for local option by 21 majority.

Sacisaw, Micu., Sept. 7.—During August 477,000 barrols of salt were inspected in this State. Up to date the inspection amounts to 2,840,000 barrels, being 300, 000 barrels in excess of last year to this date. Inspection for the year is estimate at 4,000,000 barrels.

# Twelve Hundred Lambs Drowned.

Sex Hiven, Most., Sept. 7.—By a wate spout on Careleas Creek, in Meag-County, tweive hundred sheep, principal , pring lambs, were drowned.

### THE PROMINENT CITIZEN.

Queer Character That Flourishes Wher-ever Man Does Congregate. It is the ambition of some men to figure in the role of prominent citizen. They have an insatiable craving to see their names in print. They attend all meetings in which "our more prominent citizens" take part, and nothing pleases them more than to have their names appear in the morning papers in the long list of vice presidents.

The prominent citizen signs requests to a theatrical manager or star to accept a complimentary benefit, after scrutinizing the list of names to make sure that there is a preponderance of prominent citizens like himself, though it has been remarked that he rarely buys a ticket.

It is for the accommodation of the prominent citizen that chairs are placed on the stage on public occasions, and we have seen him swell up with the consciousness of his own importance as he marched proudly to his seat, looking as though the whole affair was arranged with the sole view to lifting him up for the admiration of the multitude of ordinary citizens seated below, who had no prominence to speak of.

So long as he maintains a dignified composure and discreetly holds his tongue, he is safe, but sometimes the prominent citizen—the kind we are writing about, of course-is betrayed into the weakness of making a speech and the shallowness of his claim to any consideration above his fellows becomes painfully evident, leading simple people to inquire how he got to be a prominent citizen, anyhow. It is em barrassing to have a question of that sort put in motion, and no prominent citizen who feels at all insecure in his position should ever do any thing to arouse it.

There is rarely a procession without a carriage at the disposal of the promient citizen. It would be extremely undignified for him to walk like common mortals; besides that, in a crowd he might be mistaken for one of the most insignificant in the procession. and no suspicion of his greatness. Scated in an open back, with a flaming badge pinned on his coat, strangers on the sidewalk might be led to inquire: "Who is that man?" and he is in hard luck if there isn't some one at hand to reply: "That is Colonel Blank, one of

our most prominent citizens." No one enjoys being interviewed by the newspaper reporter like 'the prominent citizen we are describing. He is ready to give his opinion on any and all subjects, from a fracture in the sidewalk to a break in the Cabinet. If a series of interviews should appear in a newsaper headed, "What our promi-nent citizens think of it," without his name appearing it would make him sick, and he would probably call upon the editor demanding an explanation. Inand putting it in the reporter's hands.

It is on an excursion to some other city that the prominent citizen shines in his greatest glory. To have his coming announced in the papers; to be received at the depot by a delegation of prominent citizens, some of them as transparent humbugs as himself; to listen to speeches of welcome, and make a speech himself, if some friend is kind enough to write it for him; to be feasted and treated to free drinks. and taken around in a back to see the prisons, poor-houses, public libraries and breweries, with a lunch and speeches at each stopping-place; to be stared at by barefoot boys; to have the band play "See the Conquering Hero Comes:" to be introduced to people a the man "who has given so much prominence to his city," the introducer not embarrassing himself or others by entering into any details-all these are what give the prominent citizen such exquisite joy. Then it is that he is in his perfect element. - Texas Siftings.

### STANFORD'S PASSION.

# The California Millionnire's Genuine Lov for Fine Bred Herses.

Stanford's only passion is for fine horses, and this taste he has gratified on his estate at Palo Alto, in the heart of the Santa Clara valley. There he has a large number of fine thoroughbred horses, and when he goes down to his country home it is his pleasure to sit in a large chair in the center of a ring and see his favorite young flyers brought out for trial.

It was while watching one of these fast trotters -- an animal which had the enormous stride of twenty-three feetthat the millionaire conceived the idea that in some part of his course the horse must entirely clear the ground and have all four feet in the air. So he decided to have his horse photographed while in motion. He secured the serv ices of a skillful photographer named Muybridge, and he arranged an ingenious system of cameraworked by electricity by which an instantaneous view of the animal was given as he passed the home line About \$40,000 was spent on these experiments; but they overthrow all previous notions on the subject, and the work which Stanford had written and published, entitled "The Horse in Moion," is a valuable contribution to cience. Senator Stanford has also done more than any one else to im-prove the breed of horses in California and to demonstrate that the climate of that State is superior to Kentucky for the breeding of swift trotting and run-

-Sir Thomas More wrote in his journal: "I make it my business to wish as little as I can, except that I were wiser and better."

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. -There are 2,000,000 men engaged in the building trades in the United States. -A physician living near the sea

says that during the past five years he has noted the hour and minute of death in ninety-three patients, and every one has gone out with the tide, save four who died suddenly by accident
—It is reported that a rich American is about to establish a paper factory at San Luis Potosi, Maxico, with a capital

of at least \$500,000. The principal material used will be "lechugilla," a fibrous plant which grows abundantly in that section. -About midway between St. Peters ourg and Moscow, Prince Putiatin has made the important archaelogical dis-

overy of an image of the constellation of Ursa Major ougraved on a grindstone of the Stone Age. A similar discovery had already been made near Wellmar In Germany.

—What is termed flexible glass is a useful product just introduced. Paper of proper thickness is rendered transparent by soaking in copal varnish, and when dry, is polished, rubbed with punice stone, and a layer of soluble glass is applied and rubbed with salt. The surface is as perfect as glass.—Boston Budget. in Germany.

Boston Budget.

—A new plant, said to have electrical properties, is described by some of the German journals under the name of Phytolacea electrica. "It gives a slight electric shock to the hand when its stalk is broken, and it affects the mag-netic needle, disturbing it considerably if brought very hear. Its energy varies during the day, being strongest at about two o'clock in the afternoon, and

filling away to nothing at night. -N. Y. Ledger. -Though electrical storage batteries have attracted attention only within the past seven years, the discovery of the principle is as old as the century, Gausherot having first noticed in 1801 that platinum or silver wires gave off a current after being disconnected from a voltage battery with which they had been used for decomposing saline water. The first secondary cell of Plante was made in 1850. - A rhansaw

-A universal competitive exhibition of science and industry will open at Brussels, Belgium, May 1, 1883, and continue six months. Fifty-six com-mittees representing all industries and various specialties, have framed questions whose solution forms the basis of competition. Medals, diplomas and \$100,000 in each will be awarded to exhibitors, who are given special inducements by the Belgian government in the way of transportation, management

and duties. -In nearly every department of legit-imate industry greater or less improvement is observed in comparison stances have been known of his writing out an interview with himself, unasked, years. Lumber, coal, petroleum, and cotton fabrics are conspicuous for th steadiness through the usual season of mid-summer duliness. Railroad earnings gained fifteen per cent. in June, and fifty roads show an increase of 12.8 per cent for the first week of July. Money has become more plentiful at the metropolis, but the daily dealings in Wall street are small and quotations sag upon the slightest provocations. -Chicago Inter Ocean.

### PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-A husband is frequently a very great sir prize to a woman. -A man must ask leave of his stomach to be a happy man.

—Cherity, like jelly, shude be set karefully away in the dark as soon as

-Beware of the still man; he is getting your size and conceating his own. -Century Magazine.

-Humidity conduces to humility.

One is only a little out of consonants with the other. —Boston Post, -It is not until a man reaches thirty that he begins to wrap the small bills on the outside of his roll. -Pack.

-Reason and kindness are the great promoters of that harmony and hilacity which generate friendship and affection. -No man should be expected to write dry jokes when you can wring water out of his shirt collar, -- Boston

-The wise head that makes a sight draft on a sensible heart, will have his paper honored with full payment of mmon sense. - Whitehall Times. -The new two-cent stamp will be green-a perfect match for those young

people who pour out their very souls in ardent love letters.—Somerville Jour--To make a salad, four persons are needed: a spendthrift for oil, a miser for vinegar, a counsellor for salt, and a

madman to stir it all up .- Sidney -We write our mercles in the dust but our afflictions we engrave in marble. Our memories serve us but too well to remember the latter; but we are

strangely forgetful of the former.--Wife (to husband who has just re turned from a visit)—"So you intend to go back again some time." Hos-band—"Yes." Wid-"You must have felt porfectly at home."

"O, no; I enjoyed myself very much." \_Arbansaio Traveler -Terrible storm that, last evening George." Didn't hear it, old man-"Didn't hear it? Man allys, it thus dered fit to wake the dead?" "He. thought I saw lightning, but I didn't bear any thunder. An old whoolmate of my wife's is risiting her and they haven't seen each other far ten years.—